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LB 1106

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Rupp, well first of all Mr. President, I have amendments by Senator Wesely, Senator Hoagland, and a...to withdraw those amendments to 1106. Mr. President, Senator Rupp would move to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, in keeping with the mandate from the Speaker I'll be brief. Very simple amendment. LB 1106 would delay the enacting date from February 15th until May 1st of next year. I apologize I didn't do this the other night on Select File but I think some of you realize this bill advanced late in the evening on a voice vote with 14 or 15 absent. I just didn't have a chance to do it. It has been mentioned two or three times on this floor and debate on this bill that there would be a long time in the interim for people to digest exactly what is in this and come back and we would clean it up and make strengthening changes in it if needed next session. I suggest that probably that isn't possible with a February 15th effective date. I think a lot of you are like me with this bill in there is a little in there that you like and a little in there that you don't like and there is a whole lot that you don't understand. I know that is my feeling on it. I know that there will be a lot of experts, so-called experts, digest this between now and next year and will come back and look at some changes if they are needed. But I would ask you to consider this realistically. Are we going to make any changes in this bill with an effective date of February 15th next year? We know that it is a reorganization session. We all know the hectic activities down here the first two or three weeks and I submit that February 15th is not a realistic date to look at this. This change would give us four months next year to look at this with an effective date of May 1st to make changes if they are necessary. I think I would sum up by saying that we have gotten along without this bill for 117 years. I'm not saying that it is a bad bill, I'm just saying lets be realistic in our time frame on this because we can't possibly work to come back and improve it February 15th.